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## **John Chiles Allen Succumbs In Austin**

John Chiles Allen, a longtime Austin resident, passed away on May 29, 2000, after a short illness. He was born on October 24, 1913, in Grapeland to John and Mary Kate Chiles Allen.

Mr. Allen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from Texas A&M University in 1937.

After moving to Austin for employment and to further his education, Mr. Allen met and courted his future wife, Elizabeth Johnson. They were married on March 17, 1939.

During and after World War II, Mr. Allen served as a Lieutenant in the Army Engineer Corps, aiding in the rebuilding of post-war Japan. Upon returning home, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering in 1950 from the University of Texas. Allen soon began his own architectural and engineering firm which he supervised actively until a few months before his death.

Mr. Allen was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He was a past president of the Austin chapters of the Construction Specifications Institute and the Texas Society of Architects and was a member of the National Society of Engineers. Many buildings in a wide spectrum of different sizes and types were designed by Mr. Allen throughout the State of Texas.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his son John and his beloved wife Elizabeth.

Survivors include his son, Robert Lewis Allen of Austin; sister-in-law, Mrs. Gussie Lee Davenport of El Paso; nieces, Josephine McCutcheon of Austin and Nancy Winfree of Pflugerville; nephew Bryan Simmons of Austin; numerous grand nieces, grand nephews and cousins.

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 30, at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin. There are no services planned.